SEYMOUR

TOWN REPORT

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" "	1927	2,728.33
" "	1928	3,819.70
" "	1929	9,208.30
" "	1930	24,445.82
Personal taxes—1930		1,210.00
		$594,272.71

LIABILITIES

Outstanding order 1872	$ 1,826.16
Outstanding order 4644	17.28
Refunding bonds	118,000.00
School bonds	105,000.00
Maple street addition notes	45,000.00
	$269,843.44

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS

Roads	$ 17,784.66
Sluices	632.37
Railings	161.30
Bridges	111.20
Sidewalks	188.08
Fire Department	1,782.90
Hydrants	1,928.14
Town Buildings	815.95
Street Lights	8,224.92
Printing	1,246.66
Town Officers	7,887.67
Schools	110,913.69
Donations	3,107.00
Insane Poor	2,188.39
Poor	18,771.26
General Expenses	2,272.51
Election Expenses	296.70
State Roads	229.60
Signal Light	530.00

Garbage	2,000.01
Births and Deaths	169.15
Widows State Aid	450.05
Damage by Dogs	97.00
Snow	298.40
Trees—Trimming and Spraying	378.70
Public Health	500.00
Street Oiling Fund	4,500.00
Broad Street Park Fund	500.00
Garden City Park Fund	500.00
Fire Department Equipment Fund	1,000.00
	$189,466.31

We hereby certify that we have examined the Selectmen's accounts and find them correct.

GEO. E. AHERN,
FRANK B. THRALL,
Auditors.

Report of CLARENCE C. CORNFORTH

Treasurer, Town of Seymour

For year ending Aug. 10, 1931.

Receipts

Aug. 10, 1930—Balance on hand			$ 62,956.71
Town Taxes—G. H. Kuss, Collector:			
1922 list—property	$	139.91	
1923 " "		141.67	
1924 " "		138.84	
1925 " "		326.53	
1926 " "		325.57	
1927 " "		554.30	
1928 " "		1,117.97	
1929 " "		7,787.17	
1930 " "		168,197.35	
			178,729.31

Lien Fees		97.75
1927 Personal tax and penalty	$ 214.00	
1928 " " "	229.00	
1929 " " "	649.00	
1930 " " "	4,506.00	
		5,598.00
Dog Taxes		
State of Connecticut	$ 909.03	
G. H. Kuss, Collector	1,130.75	
		2,039.78
Penalty Taxes		17.46
Corporation Tax		4,316.49
Town Court		1,336.89
Refunds and Permits from Board of Selectmen		
Poor		577.54
Machinery		70.00
Oil		5.50
Insurance		196.80
Permits		.75
Refunds—Newington Home		12.28
Refunds—R. C. Clark and Bible School—supplies		12.14
Refunds—State of Connecticut—tax		.50
Dividends—Birmingham National Bank		10.00
School Enumeration—State of Connecticut		4,601.25
Library and Apparatus		110.00
Tuition:		
Town of Woodbridge	$ 100.00	
Town of Beacon Falls	900.00	
Town of Bethany	200.00	
Town of Oxford	5,000.00	
		6,200.00
Notes borrowed in anticipation of taxes		86,500.00
Total		$353,389.15

Disbursed

Taxes:		
State	$3,361.90	
Military	1,124.47	
County	2,530.09	
		$ 7,016.46
Dog Tax to State		1,130.40
Notes paid		86,500.00
Interest on notes, bonds and town deposit fund		13,981.71
Sinking Fund		12,000.00
Town Court salaries and equipment		1,777.74
Selectmen's orders paid:		
1929 year	$ 827.02	
1930 year	189,449.03	
		190,276.05
Abatement		821.00
Fire Chief		12.00
August 10, 1931—to balance		39,873.79
Total		$353,389.15

SINKING FUND

Receipts

August 10, 1930—Balance on hand	$ 5,158.30
Interest	209.42
Town Treasurer	12,000.00
	$17,367.72

Disbursed

Bonds and Notes retired:		
School bonds	$5,000.00	
Refunding bonds	2,000.00	
Maple St. School addition	5,000.00	
		12,000.00
August 10, 1931—to balance		5,367.72
		$17,367.72

TOWN DEPOSIT FUND

Receipts

Aug. 10, 1930—Balance on hand—	
Town order No. 11 dated Dec. 24, 1872	$ 1,826.16
Interest from town treasurer	109.56
	$1,935.72

Disbursed

To Board of Education	109.56
Aug. 10, 1931—To balance—Invested Fund	
Town order No. 11 dated Dec. 24, 1872	1,826.16
	$ 1,935.72

Town Notes and Bonds Outstanding

August 10, 1931

Refunding Bonds	$118,000.00
School Bonds	105,000.00
Maple Street School addition notes	45,000.00
	$268,000.00

CLARENCE C. CORNFORTH,
Treasurer, Town of Seymour.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of Clarence C. Cornforth, Town Treasurer, and find them correct.

GEO. E. AHERN,
FRANK B. THRALL,
Auditors.

Report of GEORGE H. KUSS

Personal Tax Collector

Year Ending August 10, 1931.

Balance due town:		
List of 1927	$209.00	
List of 1928	210.00	
List of 1929	586.00	
List of 1930	5,716.00	
Penalty	87.00	
		$6,808.00
Collections and Abatements:		
List of 1927	$ 15.00	
List of 1927 Abatement	199.00	
List of 1928	57.00	
List of 1928 Abatement	172.00	
List of 1929	199.00	
List of 1929 Abatement	450.00	
List of 1930	4,506.00	
		$5,598.00
To Balance 1930 due		1,210.00
		$6,808.00

Report of GEORGE H. KUSS

Property Tax Collector

Year Ending August 10, 1931

Uncollected Balance Aug. 10th, 1930:		
List of 1918	$	20.04
List of 1919		22.06
List of 1920		12.79
List of 1921		17.60
List of 1922		99.20
List of 1923		429.62
List of 1924		889.58
List of 1925		1,773.09

List of 1926	4,466.38	
List of 1927	3,185.37	
List of 1928	4,810.25	
List of 1929	16,588.76	
		$ 32,314.74
Grand List of 1930		192,628.49
Interest collected		
List of 1922	$ 49.80	
List of 1923	46.10	
List of 1924	40.54	
List of 1925	81.71	
List of 1926	67.87	
List of 1927	97.26	
List of 1928	127.42	
List of 1929	406.71	
List of 1930	14.68	
		$ 932.09
Lien Fees collected		97.75
		$1,029.84
		$225,973.07

Collections Made From Aug. 10, 1930, to Aug. 10, 1931

List	Tax	Interest	Lien	Total
1922	$ 90.11	$ 49.80	$ 1.00	$ 140.91
1923	95.57	46.10	1.00	142.67
1924	98.30	40.54	1.00	139.84
1925	244.82	81.71	2.00	328.53
1926	257.70	67.87	2.00	327.57
1927	457.04	97.26	22.50	576.80
1928	990.55	127.42	33.50	1,151.47
1929	7,380.46	406.71	34.75	7,821.92
1930	168,182.67	14.68	.....	168,197.35
	$177,797.22	$932.09	$97.75	$178,827.06

Uncollected balance August 10th, 1931:

List of 1918	$ 20.04
List of 1919	22.06

List of 1920	12.79	
List of 1921	17.60	
List of 1922	9.09	
List of 1923	334.05	
List of 1924	791.28	
List of 1925	1,528.27	
List of 1926	4,208.68	
List of 1927	2,728.33	
List of 1928	3,819.70	
List of 1929	9,208.30	
List of 1930	24,445.82	
		$ 47,146.01
		$225,973.07

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of George H. Kuss, Tax Collector, and find them correct.

GEO. E. AHERN,
FRANK B. THRALL,
Auditors.

Annual Report of TOWN COURT

Total receipts	$4,187.13
Disbursed	
Costs paid	1,500.65
Cost and fines to state	302.59
Fines to motor vehicle commissioner	1,047.00
To Town Treasurer	1,336.89
	$4,187.13

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Town Court and find them correct.

GEO. E. AHERN,
FRANK B. THRALL,
Auditors.

During the past year there have been 144 arrests made on 180 charges as follows :

Violation of auto laws	70
Intoxication	43
Breach of peace	24
Assault	11
Attempted robbery with violence	8
Violation of liquor laws	4
Theft	4
Resisting an officer	3
Fishing without a license	3
Robbery with violence	2
Theft of auto	2
Trapping without a license	2
Fishing in posted waters	2
Building bonfire without permit	2
Theft of poultry	1
Assault with intent to kill	1

WILLIAM F. SHIEARS,
Judge—Clerk.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1930	$1,814.26
Interest	73.65
	$1,887.91

Expenses

Labor	15.79
Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1931	1,872.12
	$1,887.91

BROAD STREET PARK FUND

Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1930	$1,309.65
Appropriations	500.00
Interest	43.48
	$1,853.13

Expenses

Labor	$ 156.50
Supplies	42.76
Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1931	1,653.87
	$1,853.13

GARDEN CITY PARK FUND

Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1930	$1,587.78
Appropriation	500.00
Interest	48.99
	$2,136.77

Expenses

Labor	$ 245.10
Supplies	112.96
Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1931	1,778.71
	$2,136.77

STREET OILING FUND

Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1930	$ 27.25
Appropriation	4,500.00
Interest	.81
	$4,528.06

Expenses

Labor	$1,106.16
Sand	283.70

Oil	3,138.20
	$4,528.06

NIGHT POLICE FUND

Appropriation	$ 832.00
Expenses	
Night officer	$ 620.20
Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1931	211.80
	$832.00

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the above funds, and find them correct.

GEO. E. AHERN,
FRANK B. THRALL,
Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT

For the Year Ending August 10, 1931

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

	Term Expires
L. N. Burhoe	1931
Joseph O'Brien	1931
Edward Weaver	1931
Irene M. Gahan, Secretary	1933
Anna M. Griffith	1933
F. G. Space	1933
George E. Ahern	1935
Ruth B. Bennett, Treasurer	1935
James B. Honey, Chairman	1935

Committee on Schools

L. N. Burhoe George Ahern Anna Griffith

Committee on Supplies

Edward Weaver F. G. Space Ruth B. Bennett

Committee on Finance

F. G. Space Joseph O'Brien Irene M. Gahan

Superintendent of Schools

Ridgley C. Clark 265 South Main Street

Office Hours: 4 to 5 p. m. except Saturdays

High School Building

Pine Street

Clerk

Gladys K. Freeman

Expenses

Board salaries	$ 120.00
Supervision	3,700.00
Enumeration	102.25
Office expenses	274.08
Clerk hire	900.00
Teachers' salaries	75,682.50
Text books	2,601.44
Supplies	1,913.76
Janitors' wages	5,272.00
Fuel	2,533.08
Light and power	1,236.24
Water	309.64
Janitors' supplies	1,009.82
Repair of buildings and upkeep of grounds	5,798.13
Replacement of equipment	706.28
New equipment	420.91
Insurance	848.95
Library and laboratory	343.41
Livery and drayage	242.25
Physical examinations	60.00
Graduation	269.91
Domestic science	503.67
Transportation	3,416.68

Tuition	750.00
Nurse	1,200.00
Night school	581.25
Athletics	199.65
Telephones	266.42
Special (truant officer)	12.00
Total	$111,274.32

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the School Finance Committee and find them correct.

GEO. E. AHERN,
FRANK B. THRALL,
Auditors.

RUTH B. BENNETT, School Treasurer,

In Account With the Seymour School District

Dr.

1930-	To balance from old account	$ 251.07
1930-31	To cash—Selectmen's orders	110,913.69
	To cash—interest on town deposit fund	109.56
		$111,274.32

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By paying 1300 orders	$111,274.32
No balance	
	$111,274.32

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of Mrs. Ruth Bennett and find them correct.

GEO. E. AHERN,
FRANK B. THRALL,
Auditors.

REPORT of the SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

August 10, 1931.

Board of Education,
Seymour, Conn.

Greetings:

I hereby submit my fifteenth annual report as superintendent of your public schools.

Pupil Accounting

The enumeration for the year was 2045, 92 more than last year. The registration was 1791, 49 more than last year. The average attendance was 1631, 52 more than last year.

The following table shows the registration, average attendance and pupils per teacher in the different schools.

School	Registration	Average Attendance	Pupils per Teacher
High	342	301.57	26
Center	355	329.88	35
Annex	315	285.35	39
Maple St. Grammar	289	270.43	36
Maple St. Primary	344	310.13	38
Cedar Ridge	79	70.68	39
Bungay	21	19.94	21
Great Hill	34	31.71	17
Out of town	12	11.91	
	1791	1631.60	

For purposes of comparison I am giving the registration by grades for the past five years.

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1927	202	200	230	200	175	170	159	103
1928	185	185	201	209	193	173	153	136
1929	191	177	188	198	206	192	170	127
1930	178	182	188	204	203	203	168	144
1931	191	171	181	169	196	203	183	143

High School	9	10	11	12	Total
1927	87	77	37	40	1680
1928	105	60	52	29	1681
1929	138	67	44	47	1745
1930	119	78	45	30	1742
1931	139	100	68	35	1791

The growth during the past five years is shown by the following table:

Year ending	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Enumeration	1855	1821	1905	1953	2045
Registration	1680	1681	1745	1742	1791
Grades	1439	1435	1457	1464	1449
High School	241	246	296	272	342
Average Att.	1495	1544	1553	1579	1631
Teachers	51	51	53	53	55
Increase	52	1	64	−2	49

Teachers

The following table shows the training of our teachers.

	Supervisors	High School	Grades
College M. A.		1	
College A. B.		6	
College B. S.		4	
Secretarial B. C. S.		1	
Business		1	
Normal			38
Summer Normal			1
High School			1
Music	1		
Art	1		
	2	13	40

The following table shows the length of previous experience of our teachers.

Years of experience	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
No. H. S. teachers	3	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	13
No. Grade teachers	5	4	1	4	3	1	5	2	2	3	12	42x
Total	8	5	3	5	5	2	5	3	2	3	14	55

xIncludes supervisors.

The following teachers have left the service.

Teacher	Position	Length of Service
Robert E. Todd	H. S. Math	1 year
Irma J. Willey	H. S. Latin	1 year
Agnes Barrett	Maple St.—Grade 4	5 years
Helen Swan	Annex—Grade 2	2 years
Alice Krause	Annex—Grade 4	4 years

The following teachers have entered:

Teacher	Position	Graduate of
Herman Urban	H. S. Latin	Bowdoin
George Kennedy	H. S. Science	Wesleyan
H. Maye Chatfield	Annex—Grade 1	N. Haven Normal
Elaine Pratt	Center—Grade 1	N. Haven Normal
Mary McNamara	H. S. History	New Rochelle
Catherine Brady	Maple St.—Gr. 1	N. Haven Normal
Helen Hall	Annex—Grade 4	N. Haven Normal

None of these teachers have had any previous experience.

Lillian Cronin, Gertrude Dodd and Bessie Treat, employed as substitutes last year, were made regular teachers.

The following teachers have taken summer school work this summer:

Mrs. Von-Mannweiler
Joseph McGee
Claire Currier
Anna LoPresti
Elizabeth Gorham
Adeline Ippolito
Kathleen Doherty

The following have taken extension courses during the year:

Anna Holland	Helen Moroney	Estelle Ajello
Anna Flaherty	Anita Weislogel	Caroline Hughes
Cora Stoddard	Elizabeth Nolan	Florence Maher
Helen Holbrook	Marion Streeter	Gertrude Dodd
Mary McNerney	Alice Ward	Mildred Overton
Elaine Pratt	Gertrude Dolan	Dorothy Sullivan
Maye Chatfield	Elizabeth Bossidy	Herman Urban
Antoinette Earley	Bessie Treat	Ella Burke
Kate Randall	Edith Beecher	Lillian Cronin
Iris Munson	Anna LoPresti	Vera Smith
Anna Lisaius	Alba Nardi	Helen Hamel
Alice Condon		

School Bank

Probably because of the business depression the school banking shows a decrease from last year both in amount and in the number of depositors. The following is the statistical report:

Total amount collected		$3,014.94
Collected last year		4,864.80
Decrease from last year		1,849.86
Number depositing	692	
Depositing last year	1001	
Decrease from last year	309	

Night School

The night school, although not so large as last year, was very successful. The following is the statistical report.

Total registration	45
Average attendance	29.3
Total cost	$581.25
Paid by state	117.20
Cost to town	464.05

Adult Domestic Science

Through the Smith Hughes Act and by the co-operation of the State Board of Education, Seymour has been able this year to have short courses in domestic science,

including clothing, foods and house furnishings, for adult women. The course was conducted by Mrs. Liela Cummings.

December first and second were enrollment days and classes began on December third. They continued, with a recess during Christmas and New Year's week, to February 7th. The ladies who took the courses enjoyed them and testified that they were profitable.

Buildings

Outstanding improvements in our buildings have been:

1. A new roof on the high school building.
2. The entire basement of the high school has been painted.
3. Sixteen new shades were installed in the high school.
4. A new fence has been erected at the Center School.
5. Complete and adequate electric lighting has been provided for the Annex building.
6. Twenty-four new shades were installed in the Annex building.
7. The seats in room 5 of the Annex building were replaced by new and modern ones.
8. The exterior of Cedar Ridge, the Annex and Great Hill were painted.
9. The plaster in the old part of the Great Hill School was covered with sheet rock and the entire interior painted.

Repairs Needed

1. Complete and adequate electric lighting at Center School. This, and Great Hill, are the only schools in town not equipped with artificial light. There are many dark days in winter when the lack of lights in these buildings is a menace to the eyes of the children.
2. Painting and varnishing rooms 1 and 2 at Center School.
3. The fence for the Cedar Ridge grounds should be replaced.

4. The plumbing in the Center School toilets should be repaired and improved.
5. New walks are needed at Center School.
6. The corridors at Maple Street School should be painted.
7. The rooms in the old part of the Maple Street School should be painted.
8. The floors in the basement of the Center School should be relaid.
9. The exterior of our high school needs painting.

Audubon Society

The work of the Audubon Society, made possible by the contribution of a friend, has continued. It seems to gain added interest each year.

Art

The art work has progressed along the lines outlined in the supervisor's report last year. I wish to call attention to some of the recommendations made at that time.

1. "Every room both in the high school and the grades should contain one excellent large picture." We should undertake a program by which this recommendation may be carried out.
2. The addition of one adjustable drawing table to each grade room in which art is taught is advisable. There are such tables in some of the rooms and others should be added.
3. "A few ornamental shrubs or trees should be planted on either side of the entrance to the high school." This recommendation has been accepted and some shrubs planted.

Music

The music instruction in our schools continues to be of high order. I am including the report of the music supervisor.

Mr. R. C. Clark,
Superintendent of Schools,
Seymour, Conn.

Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that I am presenting my report as supervisor of music in the Seymour schools.

The year has been a busy and successful one. Operettas were given by Maple Street School and by the Center and Annex schools. The proceeds from these operettas have been used to establish a radio fund.

The high school now has a radio. By having a radio in each grade building we enable the children in all classes to hear in their own building the wonderful programs, addresses, concerts and musical appreciation series furnished by the State Board of Education and the broadcasting companies. Thus children learn to understand and love good music.

The past year creative work has been carried on. The children have been taught to write original songs with wonderful results. They have shown an interest and willingness to sing at any time. With continued efforts better results should be shown another year.

We now have five pianos. Two new ones were purchased with money acquired through the musical efforts of the children. One was purchased by the Alumni Association. Two were given to the schools, one by Mrs. Anna Griffith and one by Mr. Norman Lounsbury. Each building has a phonograph also acquired through the children's efforts.

My chief aim is to create a love for and understanding of good music to be carried through school and into later life.

Respectfully submitted,
VON G. MANNWEILER,
Supervisor of Music.

Instrumental Music

The Grammar School drum corps composed of pupils from Maple Street, Center and Annex schools, 31 in

number, has made a desirable extra curricula activity and brought honor to the schools when they have played in public. Much credit is due the Sturtz Brothers for their able instruction and leadership.

The eighth grade orchestra under Angelo Marasco and the High School orchestra directed by the principal, have continued the good work of previous years.

Character Education

The schools have always tried to develop character. In an attempt to proceed more intelligently along this line we secured through the co-operation of Yale University, Mrs. Ruth White Colton, who gave an extension course of fifteen lessons on Character Education. The course was financed by the teachers personally and was profitable.

Report of School Nurse

The following is the report regarding the nursing work in the Seymour schools:

Mr. Ridgley Clark,
Superintendent of Schools,
Seymour, Conn.

Dear Sir:

During the year all children were weighed and measured, a report of an underweight condition charted on the school record placed in the front of the room. This constant reminder aided in correcting this problem by stimulating the underweights to bring milk during the recess period thus resulting in a great many gaining.

This year special attention has been given to the Tubercular Contact children. Twenty-nine are under our supervision, they all have been examined by a physician frequently and have had tuberculin tests and X-rays to aid and detect early symptoms of the disease. Most of this preventative work has been financed with money collected from the T. B. Seal sale.

Many defect slips have been sent to parents which has resulted in a fair percentage of corrections.

Through the aid of Dr. Harvey, the New Haven Dispensary and the Yale Psycho-Clinic many physical and mental examinations and corrections were accomplished.

On June 22, 1931, we had our annual "Summer Round Up" conducted by Dr. A. E. Ingraham, Director of Child Hygiene, and her staff from the State Dept. of Health assisted by our local staff and board. Ninety-three children had a complete physical examination and their teeth cleaned and examined by the Dental Hygienist.

Plans have been made for testing the hearing of the pupils in the early fall, and Miss Maude Keator of the special division State Board of Education will devote some time to our schools in the fall to test and advise in regard to our retarded children.

We hope by correcting mental and physical defects our children may grow to young men and women with a healthy aspect in future life.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN R. MORRISON, R. N.,

Supervisor.

Office of Ira E. Creelman, M. A., Principal.

July 22, 1931.

Mr. R. C. Clark,

Supt. of Schools,

Seymour, Conn.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor of submitting my ninth annual report as Principal of Seymour High School.

The year opened September 3rd, 1930, with an enrollment of 342, an increase of 70 over one year ago. Forty-one were graduates at the Commencement exercises, an increase of 10 over last year.

There are 33 of our graduates who are continuing their studies in more advanced schools of learning. Reports which have been received reveal that they are all

doing exceptional work, which reflects in a measure the training which they received in this high school.

The salary schedule which went into effect a year ago is most valuable. Of the 13 members on the staff, 12 are returning in the fall. Three years ago, eight entered the system as new teachers, two years ago five were new, and this year only one will enter as a replacement.

The following data may be interesting because of comparison: Enrollment in H. S. 10 years ago 185; 5 years ago 238; this year 342.

Number teachers in H. S. 10 years ago 8; 5 years ago 9; this year 13.

There are to date 419 pupils who have signified their intentions of entering High School in September. Not all of them will attend but experience shows that a large number attend in times of depression as manual labor is a premium.

The present building was originally constructed to accommodate 280 pupils. We shall have very close to 100 pupils for which provision will need to be made. This should be heralded as an opportunity for the town and not as a burden. We should feel that the pupil of today is the citizen of tomorrow. This is the vital part of the life of our youth, and we have them here, applying for admission and culture. Education is a long term investment by the state, and here is an opportunity to direct our youth into right channels. We should take every possible measure to avoid crowded conditions. We are now sorely in need of both more class rooms and floor space, not alone for the coming session but for the future. We are unable to find any indications of our enrollment becoming smaller, but rather a steady increase. Here is a problem which cannot be dodged or sidetracked, we shall need to face it as it stands. The present arrangement at this building is not large enough for our needs!

Our high school was carefully surveyed by the State Supervisor of High Schools, Dr. Paul D. Collier, who found the grade of work being done of a very high type

and the moral tone of the school to be very commendable.

The following prizes were awarded at the High School Graduation.

1. A first prize of $3.00 given by the business department of the Seymour High School, in Junior Bookkeeping to—Marian Treat.
2. A first prize of $2.00 for Sophomore Bookkeeping to —Samuel Kwochka.
3. A prize of $5.00 in gold awarded by the Alumni Association to that member of the graduating class receiving the highest grades in the Normal Course to—Gertrude Haversat.
4. A prize of $5.00 in gold awarded by the Alumni Association to that student having the highest proficiency in the Secretarial Course to—Eva Posypanko.
5. A prize of $5.00 in gold awarded by the Alumni Association for general excellence in English to—Eva Posypanko.
6. A prize of $5.00 in gold awarded by the class of 1897 for highest proficiency in History to—Charles Urban.
7. A prize of $5.00 in gold awarded by the Citizens' Fire Department for the best essay on "Fire Prevention" to—Gertrude Haversat.
8. A second prize of $2.50 in gold awarded by the Citizens' Fire Department for second best essay on "Fire Prevention" to—John Gido.
9. A prize of $2.50 in gold awarded by the Woman's Club for the best work in Freshman Domestic Science to—Catherine Corcoran and Edith Treat.
10. A prize of $2.50 in gold awarded by the Woman's Club for the best work in Sophomore Domestic Science to—Jane Sypniewska.
11. A prize of $5.00 in gold awarded by the Woman's Club for general excellence in the Scientific Course to—James Deady.
12. A prize of $5.00 in gold awarded by Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Tomlinson for excellence in French to—Evelyn Smey.

13. A prize of $5.00 in gold awarded by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to that Junior writing the best essay on the American Flag to—Laura Smith.
14. A prize of $5.00 in gold awarded by the Chamber of Commerce to that student who has shown the highest proficiency in the Art Course to—Caroline Sperry.
15. A prize of $5.00 in gold given by the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion for the highest proficiency in Geometry to—Blance Mikoda.
16. A gold medal offered by the Alumni Association of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to that boy of the graduating class who has shown the highest proficiency in Mathematics and Science during the entire high school course to—James Deady.
17. A medal awarded by the American Legion to that girl (who, in the judgment of the High School Faculty) has shown excellence in School Citizenship by actual contribution to the welfare of the high school and the support of its activities, to—Gertrude Haversat.
18. A medal awarded by the American Legion to that boy who, (in the judgment of the High School Faculty) has shown excellence in School Citizenship by actual contribution to the welfare of the high school and the support of its activities, to—John Gido.

In conclusion, I wish to extend to you and the Board of Education my profound thanks for the help I have received on behalf of our boys and girls; from the instructors who, with patience, have contributed their best to the welfare of the students; from the eager and appreciative town citizens who have done so much for the year's success,—I extend thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA E. CREELMAN,

Principal.

Grammar School Prizes

Mechanical Drawing Prize, given by Mr. W. B. Swan for excellence in Mechanical Drawing:

Grade 8—$3.00—George Yaroshewich.

Honorable Mention—Charles Miles.

Grade 7—$2.00—Stanley Demerski.

Sewing prize, given by Mr. W. B. Swan for excellence in sewing.

Grade 8—$3.00—Divided between Florence Krajnik and Anna Fryncko.

Grade 7—$2.00—Ruth Kukat.

Arithmetic prize, given by the Superintendent of Schools for excellence in Arithmetic.

$2.00—Frederick Space.

English prize, given by the Womans' Auxiliary, American Legion.

$2.50—divided between Dot Jones and Thurston Merriman.

History prize, given by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

First and Second divided between Thurston Merriman and Dot Jones.

Third prize—Robert Burhoe.

Fourth prize—Rose Klimkowski.

Honorable mention—Horace Chatfield.

Civics prize, given by the Ansonia Lodge of Elks for excellence in Civics.

First prize—$3.00—Helen Alshuk.

Second prize—$2.00—Anny Fryncko.

Honorable mention—George Yaroshewich, Katherine Kouvendaris.

Current Events prize given anonymously.

$1.50—Stanley Squires.

Conclusion

The past year has been an unusually difficult one. The business depression and increased registration have created problems. Good work has been made possible

only through the co-operation of teachers, pupils, and citizens together with leadership on the part of the Board of Education.

For your many courtesies, I thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

RIDGLEY C. CLARK,
Superintendent.

SEYMOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Directors

	Term Expires
W. L. Ward, President	October, 1935
Clarence G. Smith, Vice-Pres. and Acting Treas.	" 1935
Mrs. Barbara W. Klatte, Secretary	" 1933
C. S. Boies	" 1935
Charles M. French	" 1933
Mrs. Annie W. Matthies	" 1931
Mrs. Harriet B. Honey	" 1931
Ridgley C. Clark	" 1931
Dr. F. A. Benedict	" 1933

Book Committee

Mrs. B. W. Klatte — Ridgley C. Clark
Mrs. H. B. Honey — Mrs. A. W. Matthies
Miss Elizabeth Lovering

Librarian

Miss Elizabeth Lovering

Assistant Librarian

Miss Florence James

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The Seymour Public Library numbers 12,058 volumes. During the past year 389 books were added, 51 by gift and 338 were purchased.

The library has been open for circulation 302 days.

Statistics for Circulation

Total number of books issued	46,847
Total number of books issued in 1930	44,430
Adult non-fiction	6,356
Adult fiction	18,905
Juvenile non-fiction	8,021
Juvenile fiction	13,565
Average circulation per day	161
Book takers	1,729
Withdrawals, books worn out	162
Books lost, paid for	10
Total	172

The library has received the following gifts during the year:

Books—American Legion Emil Senger Post, Christian Science Committee, Derby Public Library, Dwight Harrison Terry Foundation, Mr. James Baylis, Mr. George Butler, Mr. R. R. Lafferty, Mrs. A. W. Matthies, State of Connecticut, Mr. Richard Whitney, Yale University Press and the United Fruit Company.

Bulletins and reports have been received from libraries in Ansonia, Derby, Hartford, New Haven, Shelton, and Waterbury.

Flowers—Miss Allida Booth, Mrs. H. A. Culver, Mr. F. T. Hopwood, Mr. A. C. Lockwood, Mrs. N. L. Lounsbury, Sarah Ludlow Chapter, D. A. R., Mrs. Lottie Spencer.

Magazines—Sarah Ludlow Chapter, D. A. R., Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post, five from publishers.

Pictures—Miss Alida Booth.

Safe—Mrs. A. M. Griffith.

In comparing the figures of our circulation of books with those of last year we find we have an increase of 2417 volumes. Some of this increase is undoubtedly due to the unemployment situation but the facts prove that

our library is growing more popular each year. Using the recently completed United States census population figure for Seymour, we are now circulating six volumes per capita.

Children's Book Week was observed during the second week in November. There were a number of very interesting books on display and several posters. During the week we held a title guessing contest using book jackets and pictures of characters from books to suggest the titles. The winners of the contest were presented with books and it was very surprising to have such a large number of correct answers also to have so many children take part. Prizes were won by Jean Shermer and Peter Guresh of the Center School and Anna Rose and Ruben Bowen of the Maple St. School.

On January fifteenth we again gave instruction to one hundred and twenty pupils of the Freshman class.

The redecorating of Library Hall has made a vast improvement in the room and many favorable comments have been passed regarding it.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Ansonia Sentinel and Seymour Record for printing lists and accounts of the library's activities during the year. We should also like to thank all who have made gifts of any kind to the library.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. KLATTE,

Secretary.

REPORT OF C. G. SMITH, TREASURER

Aug. 10, 1930 balance on hand	$ 41.54
W. L. Ward, trustee	4,600.00
Town of Seymour	100.00
C. H. Pine, trust fund	38.00
Dues, etc.	12.94
D. A. R., lights	2.10

Seymour Woman's Club	5.43
Over payment J. R. Rembert Co.	12.80
	$4,812.81

Disbursements to Aug. 10, 1931

Salaries	$2,880.00
Lights	145.86
Telephone	31.30
Supplies	1,491.13
Cash to balance	264.52
	$4,812.81

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of C. G. Smith, Treasurer Seymour Public Library, and find them correct.

GEO. E. AHERN,
FRANK B. THRALL,
Auditors.

C. B. WOOSTER LIBRARY FUND

W. L. WARD, Trustee

Income

Balance on hand, Aug. 10, 1930	$ 687.66
Interest	5,507.26
	$6,194.92

Disbursed

C. G. Smith, Library Treas.	$4,600.00
Seymour Trust Co.	180.00
New Haven Probate Court	24.95
W. L. Ward, Trustee	100.00
Balance on hand, Aug. 10, 1931	1,289.97
	$6,194.92

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of W. L. Ward, Trustee C. B. Wooster Library fund, and find them correct.

GEO. E. AHERN,
FRANK B. THRALL,
Auditors.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Commissioners

Frank E. Chamberlin — Joseph L. Lanyon

Board of Engineers

Chief ..... Harry E. Chamberlin
First Assistant ..... James W. Swan
Second Assistant ..... Fred Hildebrandt

Citizen Engine, Hook & Ladder Co., No. 2

Captain ..... Sidney Bassett
First Lieut. ..... Henry Kottmann
Second Lieut. ..... Joseph Teveliet

Inventory

Engine house and lot, DeForest St.	$20,000.00
American La France pumper, chemical and hose cart	8,000.00
Seagrave pumper, hook and ladder truck, chemical and hose cart	12,000.00
Reo hose cart, chemical and fire equipment	1,500.00
Gamewell fire alarm system and board	2,800.00
Gamewell indicator	215.00
Jumper No. 1	100.00
Jumper No. 2	75.00
Two 2-gal. Childs chemical extinguishers	20.00
Eight 3-gal. hand chemical, Underwriters	280.00
Five Underwriters nozzles	75.00
One Anderson nozzle	40.00

One Exhibition nozzle	15.00
One New York nozzle	12.00
One set of Eastman nozzles, single and deluge	175.00
One Haley controlling nozzle	27.00
One Larkin nozzle with Blanchard tip	50.00
Two door openers	45.00
Hose straps, wrenches, jacks and lanterns	50.00
Hose washer	50.00
Rubber coats, hats, boots and mitts	200.00
One 25 ft. extension ladder	95.00
One 16 ft. roof ladder	43.00
1200 feet of hose on La France	1,000.00
500 feet of hose on Seagrave	400.00
600 feet of hose on Reo	500.00
500 feet of hose on jumper No. 1	400.00
600 feet of hose on jumper No. 2	500.00
50 feet of garden hose	7.00
One four wheeled hose wagon	50.00
Four gas masks	100.00
Five Foamite tanks	150.00
12 helmets	91.00
2 first aid kits	25.00
Total	$49,090.00

BOX CALLS

For Year Ending August 10, 1931

Aug. 28, 1930—Box 45—9:25 p. m. Fire at home of Fred Haffersat on Beach St. Damage to building and contents $785.00.

Oct. 22, 1930—Box 95—12:05 p. m. Brush fire along side of road on South Main St. No damage.

Nov. 9, 1930—Box 14—11:35 p. m. Fire in cellar of meat market of Mike Ostaszeski, 13 Second St., in building owned by Plasko and Zanowih. Damage to building and contents, $3,100.00.

Dec. 23, 1930—Box 16—4:15 a. m. Rung in for fire in house owned by Robert Healey and occupied by Joseph Koslowski on the Mountain Road. Snow and ice prevented apparatus from getting to fire. Building and contents totally destroyed.

Feb. 4, 1931—Box 47—4:35 p. m. Fire at home of Mike Hascadakes on Prospect Ave. Damage to building and contents $850.00.

March 18, 1931—Box 95—12:40 p. m. Grass fire near South Main St.

March 22, 1931—Box 92—7:20 p. m. Grass fire near South Main St.

March 27, 1931—Box 45—3:40 a. m. Fire at home of Geo. Sabol, 180 North Main St. Damage to building and contents $6,000.00.

March 30, 1931—Box 14—2:40 a. m. Fire in barn owned by Nonnawauk Tribe, No. 9, I. O. R. M., on First St. Damage $500.00.

March 31, 1931—Box 43—1:45 p. m. Fire in garage owned by Dr. F. A. Benedict in rear of Albert Chisholm's house on North St. Total loss.

March 31, 1931—Box 92—8:45 p. m. Brush fire near South Main St.

April 7, 1931—Box 36—1:30 a. m. Chicken house owned by Henry Steller on Spring St. totally destroyed with about 300 chicks.

April 10, 1931—Box 51—11:45 a. m. Fire on roof of barn on New St. Slight damage.

April 15, 1931—Box 33—2:30 p. m. Fire in barn owned by The Tingue Mfg. Co. on First St. Damage $350.00.

April 17, 1931—Box 31—6:40 p. m. Fire in finishing room of the Tingue Mfg. Co. on DeForest St. Damage $500.00.

April 21, 1931—Box 95—12:00 m. Grass fire at Ippolitto property on South Main St. Buildings threatened.

June 29, 1931—Box 14—5:30 p. m. Fire under roof of Rogol store on Main St. Slight damage.

July 24, 1931—Box 16—5:10 p. m. Call because of lightning jumping from lighting fixtures to pipes in house owned by Morton Dunham on Third St. No damage.

Still Alarms

Aug. 11, 1930—2:15 a. m. Called to home of Henry Steller on Spring St. Chicken house and 700 chicks destroyed. Damage $580.00. No insurance.

Aug. 12, 1930—11:40 a. m. Called to brush fire on Woodbridge road near Paulsen's.

Aug. 13, 1930—11:15 p. m. Called for wreck and automobile fire on Oxford road near Tony Fanatto's.

Sept. 28, 1930—10:15 a. m. Called to Woodbridge for fire at the residence of Dr. Hitchcock on the Amity road. Home totally destroyed. Used LaFrance pump to good advantage in saving other buildings.

Sept. 28, 1930—12:45 p. m. On way home from Dr. Hitchcock fire put out bad chimney fire at home of Mr. Dickerson on Woodbridge road.

Sept. 30, 1930—6:15 p. m. Called to house of Mrs. Olmsted on Johnson Ave. for chimney fire. No damage.

Sept. 30, 1930—11:00 p. m. Called to Humphrey St. for chimney fire. No fire.

Oct. 7, 1930—1:15 p. m. Brush fire near Actors Colony Inn on River road.

Oct. 13, 1930—11:20 a. m. Called to 26 Prospect St. for chimney fire. No fire.

Oct. 13, 1930—9:00 p. m. Grass fire near South Main St.

Oct. 22, 1930—10:00 a. m. Called to Singer Department store on Bank St. for fire in furnace pipe. No damage.

Oct. 22, 1930—12:25 p. m. Brush and grass fire on lower Derby Ave. near Dadio's place, call coming to South Main St.

Oct. 22, 1930—12:50 p. m. Brush fire on Maple St., south end. Turned over to Samuel Kyle.

Oct. 31, 1930—12:05 p. m. Called to home of Harry Healey on Bungay for chimney fire. No damage.

Nov. 1, 1930—8:15 p. m. Called to Harry Healey's for chimney fire. Same chimney.

Nov. 30, 1930—11:50 a. m. Grass fire near home of T. C. Merriman on Pershing Ave.

Dec. 2, 1930—8:45 a. m. Called to No. 185 Derby Ave. house owned by Harry Smey and occupied by A. S. Gill and Hafton Fill, for fire in cellar. Damage to building and contents $1,000.00.

Jan. 7, 1931—5:50 p. m. Called for chimney fire at home of Louis Lineweiber on Riggs St., Oxford. No damage.

Jan. 7, 1931—7:00 p. m. Called to home of Miss Elizabeth Roberts, 10 Washington Ave. Coal stove exploded. Slight fire damage, but room was wrecked by explosion. Miss Roberts received a broken leg and severe cuts. Taken to hospital. Damage $220.00.

Jan. 15, 1931—4:30 p. m. Called to house of Aug. Douillet near Center School in Oxford for chimney fire. No damage.

Feb. 27, 1931—11:15 a. m. Brush fire back of Lakeview Ave.

March 3, 1931—3:40 p. m. Called for auto fire on Woodbridge road but could not find the auto.

March 9, 1931—9:45 a. m. Called to house of Albert Castro on Lakeview Ave. for bad house fire. Damage to building and contents $1,634.00.

March 13, 1931—5:30 a. m. Called to R. M. Parson's store on Bank St. for chimney fire. No damage.

March 21, 1931—3:30 p. m. Called to Pershing Ave. for grass fire.

March 31, 1931—4:00 p. m. Called to South Main St. for brush fire, back of J. W. P. Foster's.

April 13, 1931—5:10 p. m. Called to Prospect St. for brush fire.

April 14, 1931—1:30 p. m. Call for help from Woodbridge. Bad brush fire. Houses endangered. La France and 5 men responded.

April 16, 1931—11:30 a. m. Called to West Church St. for grass fire back of home of John Heavens.

April 17, 1931—12:45 p. m. Called to Sanford St. for grass fire.

April 17, 1931—7:00 p. m. Fire in the weaving room of the Tingue Mfg. Co.

April 19, 1931—4:30 p. m. Called to Broadview Heights for brush fire.

April 25, 1931—9:15 a. m. Called to 139 Bank St. for chimney fire. No damage.

April 30, 1931—Call from F. Miller's for brush fire on Seymour Mfg. Co. land.

May 30, 1931—5:00 p. m. Called to Chestnut Tree Hill for chimney fire. No damage.

June 26, 1931—9:45 p. m. Called to home of Hiram Carrington in Bethany for fire in workshop and store house. Building and contents totally destroyed. House and barn saved. Damage $3,500.00.

July 31, 1931—9:00 p. m. Call for dump fire at junction of North Main and Meadow Sts.

Aug. 5, 1931—1:45 p. m. Called to 37 Church St. for automobile fire.

In October, 1930, the company was called out for inspection. The building, apparatus, etc., were inspected. We find the department in excellent condition. All the alarm boxes, the switchboard, whistle machine at Tingue Mfg. Co. plant, machine in house, and relay at Kerite plant are in first class condition.

HARRY E. CHAMBERLIN,
Chief.

JAMES W. SWAN,
First Assistant.

FRED H. HILDEBRANDT,
Second Assistant.

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the
Town of Seymour.

Gentlemen:

The general health conditions of the town during the past year, relative to contagious and infectious diseases, have been the best that we have had in several years, with the exception that in early spring there was a run of measles, which was state-wide; also in late August and early September there were three cases of infantile paralysis, which have entirely cleared up and no new cases from Sept. 5. During late August a conference was held with the School Board relative to infantile paralysis in the state, and it was decided to defer the opening of the schools from Sept. 9 to 21. Many conferences have been held with state department officials relative to sewers and cesspools, with satisfactory results. The schools of the town have been kept in fine condition.

In closing, would like to extend my appreciation to the nurses of local Public Health Association for their untiring and faithful co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. HARVEY, M. D.,
Health Officer.

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